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HAVANA, CUBA, AUG. 12 (REUTERS)-A CUBAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CHARGED LAST NIGHT THAT THREE MEN EXECUTED HERE TUESDAY WERE PART OF AN AMERICAN C.I.A. SPY RING.

TRANSPORT MINISTER FAURE CHOMON, ADDRESSING A MASS MEETING OF PORT WORKERS, ACCUSED THE C.I.A. OF TRYING TO RECRUIT SPIES AND SABOTEURS FROM AMONG THE WEAKEST [illegible]ENTS OF THE CUBAN MERCHANT NAVY AND THOSE WHO HAD LINKS WI[illegible]E FORMER BATISTA REGIME.

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TWO CREW MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN SHIP MANUEL ASC[illegible] AND ANOTHER SAILOR WERE EXECUTED BY A FIRING SQUAD TU[illegible]Y FOR THEIR PART IN THE ALLEGED SPY RING, PURPORTEDLY AIMED AT SABOTAGING THE CUBAN MERCHANT NAVY.

CHOMON SAID THE MANUEL ASCUNCE'S ENGINES WERE SABOTAGED IN THE ATLANTIC AND CREW MEMBER HERBERT CHAVEZ DIED IN THE ENSUING FIRE. THE CREW MANAGED TO CONTROL THE BLAZE AND CONTINUE THE JOURNEY TO HAVANA, HE SAID.

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